

Office of Elder Services Alphabetical Listing of Agencies

Agency	State	Federal	Other	Total
Alpha One	\$180,222	\$312,153	\$0	\$492,375
Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$10,000
Aroostook Area Agency on Aging	\$329,768	\$626,424	\$0	\$956,192
Aroostook County Action Program	\$0	\$69,295	\$0	\$69,295
Aroostook Home Health Services	\$504,640	\$0	\$0	\$504,640
Bar Harbor Housing Authority	\$42,683	\$0	\$0	\$42,683
BLF, Inc.	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Bollus Lynch LLP	\$0	\$0	\$26,400	\$26,400
Brunswick Housing Authority	\$34,290	\$0	\$0	\$34,290
Central Maine Area Agency on Aging	\$378,397	\$1,649,233	\$0	\$2,027,630
Coastal Community Action Program	\$14,340	\$0	\$0	\$14,340
Cumberland County Training Resource Center	\$0	\$232,148	\$0	\$232,148
Eastern Agency on Aging	\$346,616	\$1,421,694	\$0	\$1,768,310
GHS Data Management	\$1,743,061	\$1,360,044	\$0	\$3,103,105
HealthReach Network	\$14,340	\$0	\$0	\$14,340
HEALTHY COMMUNITY COALITION	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Home Resources of Maine, Inc	\$1,768,677	\$0	\$0	\$1,768,677
Jacquelyn Conway Dodge LCSW	\$0	\$643	\$0	\$643
Legal Services for the Elderly	\$195,617	\$132,529	\$0	\$328,146
Maine Long-term Care Ombudsman Program	\$231,792	\$373,809	\$0	\$605,601
Methodist Conference Home	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$9,000
Occupational Therapy Consultation and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.	\$62,561	\$0	\$0	\$62,561
Penquis Community Action Program	\$14,400	\$4,000	\$0	\$18,400
People's Regional Opportunity Program	\$14,340	\$0	\$0	\$14,340
SeniorsPlus	\$8,948,850	\$1,109,276	\$0	\$10,058,126
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	\$737,807	\$1,781,074	\$0	\$2,518,881
Training and Development Corporation	\$88,194	\$0	\$0	\$88,194
United Way of Eastern Maine	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
United Way of Mid Coast Maine	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Univ of Me Sys, DBA Research & Sponsored Programs	\$28,800	\$0	\$0	\$28,800
Waldo Community Action Partners	\$0	\$171,691	\$0	\$171,691
Westbrook Housing Authority	\$22,000	\$0	\$0	\$22,000
Office of Elder Services Total	\$15,715,395	\$9,309,013	\$26,400	\$25,050,809

*Long-term Care - Assessing Services includes contracted Federal Medicaid funds

**In addition to the funds above, Home Care Coordination and In-home Support Services will generate MaineCare reimbursement from the waiver for the elderly and adults with disabilities and the Private Duty Nursing option under the State MaineCare Plan.

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Service Area	State	Federal	Other	Total
Aging & Disability Resource Center	\$0	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000
Alzheimer's Support Services	\$45,000	\$165,000	\$0	\$210,000
Area Agency on Aging - Advocacy & Outreach	\$541,816	\$2,538,195	\$0	\$3,080,011
Area Agency on Aging - Community Education	\$0	\$106,998	\$0	\$106,998
Area Agency on Aging - Family Caregiver	\$0	\$706,720	\$0	\$706,720
Area Agency on Aging - Nutrition	\$191,195	\$3,242,867	\$0	\$3,434,062
Area Agency on Aging - State Alzheimer's Respite	\$589,323	\$0	\$0	\$589,323
Assisted Housing Programs	\$636,743	\$0	\$0	\$636,743
Home Care Coordination & In-Home Support Services	\$8,688,715	\$312,153	\$0	\$9,000,868
Homemaker Services	\$2,273,317	\$0	\$0	\$2,273,317
Legal Services	\$195,617	\$0	\$0	\$195,617
Long Term Care - Assessing Services	\$1,743,061	\$1,348,044	\$0	\$3,091,105
Long Term Care Ombudsman Program	\$231,792	\$271,760	\$0	\$503,552
Senior Community Service Employment Program	\$88,194	\$452,633	\$0	\$540,828
Supportive Services for Adult Services Clients	\$375,722	\$4,643	\$26,400	\$406,765
Volunteer Services	\$114,900	\$0	\$0	\$114,900
Office of Elder Services Total	\$15,715,395	\$9,309,013	\$26,400	\$25,050,809

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Aging and Disability Resource Center

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
BLF, Inc.	I	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
Eastern Agency on Aging	III	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
HEALTHY COMMUNITY COALITION	III	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
United Way of Eastern Maine	III	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
United Way of Mid Coast Maine	II	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
Total		\$0	\$160,000	\$0	\$160,000

Regional Allocations:

Region	2000 Population	Population Ratios	FY2006 Funding	Funding Ratios	Funds Needed to Equalize
Region I	452,354	35.5%	\$25,000	15.6%	\$83,397
Region II	500,745	39.3%	\$120,000	75.0%	\$0
Region III	321,824	25.2%	\$15,000	9.4%	\$61,947
Total	1,274,923	100%	\$160,000	100%	\$145,344

Recommended Funding Changes:

*Within existing funding: No change in funding is recommended within existing funding distribution.

*Equalization of regional funding: No change in funding is presently recommended solely to equalize regional allocations.

*New/outstanding needs: It is recommended that new funding be allocated to address outstanding needs.

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Alzheimer's Support Services

The Maine Alzheimer's Project is a federally funded three-year research and demonstration grant from the Administration on Aging, to increase access to an array of services provided to caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease throughout the state. The Project also promotes collaboration between providers within Maine's Home and Community Based Care System, the aging network and other projects funded by federal funds called the Real Choice System Change Initiatives. The outcomes proposed include increasing the numbers of caregivers receiving companion services, mental health counseling and hospice services and reducing the degree of caregiver burden, stress and depression. The Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter, will conduct a needs assessment to assess and plan for the needs of the ethnic and minority population in Maine. Using a combination of state and federal funds, training will be provided throughout the state to long-term care and community based providers on caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease, and sites trained will receive assistance with implementation of the Best Friends Approach to Alzheimer's Care.

These funds are also used to partially fund a staff person at each area agency on aging to coordinate the state respite program and provide information, education, and support to family caregivers. Respite services are available through a state-funded program administered by the five area agencies on aging. (These funds are reported under the AAA-State Alzheimer Respite section.) With project funds, mental health services will also be made available to caregivers identified by a screening tool as being depressed. A cooperative agreement with the Muskie School at USM provides for the project administration, data analysis, and evaluation.

In addition to the one contract currently completed with GHS Data Management, eight contracts and/or cooperative agreements are at various stages of being drafted through amendment to existing contracts or awaiting appropriate signatures. A complete picture of the funding includes: Aroostook AAA \$16,000; Alzheimer's Association \$10,000; Central AAA \$16,000; Eastern AAA \$16,000; ME PASA \$5,000; Muskie School, USM \$244,049; SeniorsPlus/EIM division \$133,386; Southern AAA \$16,000.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter	Statewide	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$10,000
Aroostook Area Agency on Aging	III	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$16,000
Central Maine Area Agency on Aging	II	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$16,000
Eastern Agency on Aging	III	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$16,000
GHS Data Management	Statewide	\$0	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000
SeniorsPlus	I	\$8,000	\$116,000	\$0	\$124,000
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	I	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$16,000
Total		\$45,000	\$165,000	\$0	\$210,000

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Funding Schemer:

These Federal funds are distributed based on initial Request for Proposal process.

Recommended Funding Changes:

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Area Agency on Aging - Advocacy & Outreach

Each area agency on aging provides information and referral, advocacy, outreach, health insurance counseling services and education about Medicare to maintain vital links between consumers and needed services. Outreach, intake and referral services include the effort to identify unserved older people in need, especially those in greatest social and economic need and those in rural areas, to inform them of available resources and services, assess their needs, refer to other agencies as appropriate, and to assist and advocate for them in gaining access to needed services and entitlement programs.

This service area includes the Maine Medicare Education Partnership, which seeks to educate consumers and family members about Medicare and MaineCare, and how they can help identify and reduce fraud, waste, abuse, and errors. The State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) provides health insurance training and education workshops for older people and the general public, as well as individual counseling and health policy review. Funds of the Older Americans Act Title IIIB are used for these services.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Aroostook Area Agency on Aging	III	\$69,135	\$220,607	\$0	\$289,742
Central Maine Area Agency on Aging	II	\$134,979	\$592,472	\$0	\$727,451
Eastern Agency on Aging	III	\$127,699	\$464,064	\$0	\$591,763
Legal Services for the Elderly	Statewide	\$0	\$132,529	\$0	\$132,529
Maine Long-term Care Ombudsman Program	Statewide	\$0	\$102,049	\$0	\$102,049
SeniorsPlus	I	\$99,021	\$367,589	\$0	\$466,610
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	I	\$110,982	\$638,384	\$0	\$749,366
Waldo Community Action Partners	II	\$0	\$20,501	\$0	\$20,501
Total		\$541,816	\$2,538,195	\$0	\$3,080,011

Regional Allocations:

Region	2000 Population	Population Ratios	FY2006 Funding	Funding Ratios	Funds Needed to Equalize
Region I	452,354	35.5%	\$1,215,976	42.7%	\$23,062
Region II	500,745	39.3%	\$747,952	26.3%	\$623,634
Region III	321,824	25.2%	\$881,505	31.0%	\$0
Total	1,274,923	100%	\$2,845,433	100%	\$646,696

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Funding Schemer:

The Older Americans Act requires that funds be distributed to the five area agencies on aging using an Intrastate Funding Formula, approved by the Administration on Aging. This formula is based on the number of: (1) minorities, (2) low income, (3) non-English speaking, (4) difficulty with daily tasks, and (5) population age 60 and over.

Outstanding Service Needs:

Advocacy and Outreach to older persons about services is a growing need as the population of older persons increases. The complexity of programs serving older persons also continues to increase; for example, Medicare, Medigap, and MaineCare. Advocates at the five area agencies on aging help older persons navigate their way through complicated systems in order to receive services to improve their health, financial and emotional well being. This service has not seen a substantive increase in State or Federal funding for decades. State funding, totaling \$50,000, a 14% increase, would be needed to increase the hours of advocates at the area agencies on aging so they could better serve older persons.

Recommended Funding Changes:

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Area Agency on Aging – Community Education

Community Education activities involve efforts to increase public awareness about the area agency on aging and its services, as well as the needs of older people and issues affecting them. Activities may include preparing printed materials, appearing on television or radio programs, or holding conferences, training programs, and health and information fairs.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Aroostook Area Agency on Aging	III	\$0	\$11,770	\$0	\$11,770
Central Maine Area Agency on Aging	II	\$0	\$24,610	\$0	\$24,610
Eastern Agency on Aging	III	\$0	\$56,708	\$0	\$56,708
SeniorsPlus	I	\$0	\$12,840	\$0	\$12,840
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	I	\$0	\$1,070	\$0	\$1,070
Total		\$0	\$106,998	\$0	\$106,998

Regional Allocations:

Region	2000 Population	Population Ratios	FY2006 Funding	Funding Ratios	Funds Needed to Equalize
Region I	452,354	35.5%	\$13,910	13.0%	\$82,342
Region II	500,745	39.3%	\$24,610	23.0%	\$81,939
Region III	321,824	25.2%	\$68,478	64.0%	\$0
Total	1,274,923	100%	\$106,998	100%	\$164,281

Funding Schemes:

The Older Americans Act requires that funds be distributed to the five area agencies on aging using an Intrastate Funding Formula, approved by the Administration on Aging. This formula is based on the number of: (1) minorities, (2) low income, (3) non-English speaking, (4) difficulty with daily tasks, and (5) population age 60 and over. The area agencies on aging then establish service priorities based on a regional needs assessment and an area plan approved by the Office.

Recommended Funding Changes:

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*New/outstanding needs: No additional funding is requested within this service area.

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Area Agency on Aging – Family Caregiver

The Family Caregiver Support Program provides support services for family caregivers and grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers. The support services include information, assistance, individual counseling, organization of support groups, caregiver training, respite care, and supplemental services on a limited basis.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Aroostook Area Agency on Aging	III	\$0	\$67,605	\$0	\$67,605
Central Maine Area Agency on Aging	II	\$0	\$183,549	\$0	\$183,549
Eastern Agency on Aging	III	\$0	\$142,637	\$0	\$142,637
SeniorsPlus	I	\$0	\$114,687	\$0	\$114,687
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	I	\$0	\$198,242	\$0	\$198,242
Total		\$0	\$706,720	\$0	\$706,720

Regional Allocations:

Funding Schemer:

The Older Americans Act requires that funds be distributed to the five area agencies on aging using an Intrastate Funding Formula, approved by the Administration on Aging. This formula is based on the number of: (1) minorities, (2) low income, (3) non-English speaking, (4) difficulty with daily tasks, and (5) population age 60 and over. The area agencies on aging then establish service priorities based on a regional needs assessment and an area plan approved by the Office.

Recommended Funding Changes:

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Area Agency on Aging – Nutrition

The program provides meals served in a group setting or delivered to a person's home if he/she is homebound because of impairment or illness or is isolated. Most eligible individuals are age 60 or older. Each meal provides at least 1/3 of the current recommended dietary allowance. Title III-C of the Older Americans Act, state and local match, and client contributions are the main sources of funds supporting nutrition programs.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Aroostook Area Agency on Aging	III	\$18,290	\$318,442	\$0	\$336,732
Central Maine Area Agency on Aging	II	\$49,657	\$840,602	\$0	\$890,259
Eastern Agency on Aging	III	\$38,589	\$650,285	\$0	\$688,874
SeniorsPlus	I	\$31,027	\$498,160	\$0	\$529,187
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	I	\$53,632	\$935,378	\$0	\$989,010
Total		\$191,195	\$3,242,867	\$0	\$3,434,062

Regional Allocations:

Region	2000 Population	Population Ratios	FY2006 Funding	Funding Ratios	Funds Needed to Equalize
Region I	452,354	35.5%	\$1,518,197	44.2%	\$0
Region II	500,745	39.3%	\$890,259	25.9%	\$790,349
Region III	321,824	25.2%	\$1,025,606	29.9%	\$54,504
Total	1,274,923	100%	\$3,434,062	100%	\$844,853

Funding Schemes:

The Older Americans Act requires that funds be distributed to the five area agencies on aging using an Intrastate Funding Formula, approved by the Administration on Aging. This formula is based on the number of: (1) minorities, (2) low income, (3) non-English speaking, (4) difficulty with daily tasks, and (5) population age 60 and over. The area agencies on aging then establish service priorities based on a regional needs assessment and an area plan approved by the Office.

Recommended Funding Changes:

*Within existing funding: No change in funding is recommended within existing funding distribution.

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*New/outstanding needs: No additional funding is requested within this service area.

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Area Agency on Aging – State Alzheimer's Respite

The Office allocates State Alzheimer's Respite Funds to area agencies on aging to provide respite for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's or related disorders. Respite care includes adult day services, in-home services (e.g. supervision, PCA, home health aide), or short-term stays in nursing homes or residential care facilities. Funds may also be used on a limited basis for home modifications to facilitate caregiving.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Aroostook Area Agency on Aging	III	\$56,375	\$0	\$0	\$56,375
Central Maine Area Agency on Aging	II	\$153,059	\$0	\$0	\$153,059
Eastern Agency on Aging	III	\$118,943	\$0	\$0	\$118,943
SeniorsPlus	I	\$95,635	\$0	\$0	\$95,635
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	I	\$165,311	\$0	\$0	\$165,311

Regional Allocations:

Region	2000 Population	Population Ratios	FY2006 Funding	Funding Ratios	Funds Needed to Equalize
Region I	452,354	35.5%	\$260,946	41.9%	\$33,433
Region II	500,745	39.3%	\$153,059	24.6%	\$172,812
Region III	321,824	25.2%	\$209,434	33.6%	\$0
Total	1,274,923	100%	\$623,439	100%	\$206,245

Funding Schemes:

State Alzheimer's Respite funds are distributed to the five area agencies on aging using the Long Term Care Funding Formula. This formula is based on the number of persons in each region age 65+, age 65+ with a mobility or self-care limitation, and age 65+ with income below the Federal poverty level. The Long Term Care Funding Formula allows 28% for Region I, 28.5% for Region II, and 43.5% for Region III.

Recommended Funding Changes:

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*Equalization of regional funding: No change in funding is presently recommended solely to equalize regional allocations.

*New/outstanding needs: No additional funding is requested within this service area.

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Assisted Housing Programs

This service area includes the Independent Housing with Services program. Services are provided to people who are assessed to be functionally impaired and unable to live independently in the absence of certain essential supportive services. These services include care management and the following as identified in each client's plan of care: meals, housekeeping, chore assistance, home health care, personal care assistance, medication administration, nursing service, and transportation. These services are delivered at housing sites that participate in the program; they are intended to assist the tenants to manage their activities of daily living and remain in their apartments rather than moving to a more restrictive setting.

In previous years, this service area also included the Assisted Living program. An additional four agencies are providing these Assisted Living program services on a fee-for-service basis, as funding permits. However, since most Assisted Living consumers are MaineCare eligible their services will now be reimbursed by MaineCare. The State Assisted Living program funds are used as match for MaineCare, and so are not encumbered or included in this report.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Aroostook Area Agency on Aging	III	\$63,614	\$0	\$0	\$63,614
Bar Harbor Housing Authority	III	\$42,683	\$0	\$0	\$42,683
Brunswick Housing Authority	II	\$34,290	\$0	\$0	\$34,290
Central Maine Area Agency on Aging	II	\$32,702	\$0	\$0	\$32,702
Eastern Agency on Aging	III	\$17,885	\$0	\$0	\$17,885
Methodist Conference Home	I	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$9,000
SeniorsPlus	I	\$88,429	\$0	\$0	\$88,429
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	I	\$326,140	\$0	\$0	\$326,140
Westbrook Housing Authority	I	\$22,000	\$0	\$0	\$22,000
Total		\$636,743	\$0	\$0	\$636,743

Regional Allocations:

Region	2000 Population	Population Ratios	FY2006 Funding	Funding Ratios	Funds Needed to Equalize
Region I	452,354	35.5%	\$445,569	70.0%	\$0
Region II	500,745	39.3%	\$66,992	10.5%	\$426,242
Region III	321,824	25.2%	\$124,182	19.5%	\$192,815
Total	1,274,923	100%	\$636,743	100%	\$619,057

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Funding Schemer:

Assisted Housing Program funds are not distributed on a formula basis. New and expanded Assisted Housing Program funds are distributed based on a Request for Proposal process.

Recommended Funding Changes:

*Within existing funding: No change in funding is recommended within existing funding distribution.

*Equalization of regional funding: No change in funding is presently recommended solely to equalize regional allocations.

*New/outstanding needs: No additional funding is requested within this service area.

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Home Care Coordination & In-Home Support Services

Home care coordination services are provided by Elder Independence of Maine, a division of SeniorsPlus, which was selected through an RFP process. (An RFP for this service was issued again in January 2001.) The Home Care Coordination Agency (HCCA) contracts with individual service providers, monitors the delivery and quality of services provided, manages the funding sources, and assures compliance with both Federal and State policy. Upon receipt of the assessment and care plan from the Assessing Services Agency, currently GHS Data Management, the HCCA makes contact with the consumer to implement the plan of care and monitor consumer satisfaction with the plan and whether it meets the needs identified in the assessment.

In-home and community support services are arranged for or purchased by the EIM in accordance with an individual plan of care established for each consumer by the assessing services agency. Services are purchased only from vendors or providers who meet state licensing, and where applicable, certification requirements as outlined in relevant statutes. Services that may be purchased include: home health services, personal care services, homemaker and housekeeping, care management, respite care, adult day care, transportation, adaptive devices and other appropriate goods and services identified as necessary in care plans and as permitted by the regulations of the funding sources. There are several funding options available to pay for direct services. The major support is from the State Home Based Care Program, a MaineCare waiver for the elderly and adults with disabilities, and the MaineCare program.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Alpha One	Statewide	\$180,222	\$312,153	\$0	\$492,375
SeniorsPlus	Statewide	\$8,508,493	\$0	\$0	\$8,508,493
Total		\$8,688,715	\$312,153	\$0	\$9,000,868

Funding Schemes:

Home Care Coordination and In-home Support Services are provided statewide by SeniorsPlus and are excluded from Regional Analysis. These funds are not distributed on a formula basis. In addition to the contracted funds listed, this service area will also generate MaineCare reimbursement from the waiver for the elderly and adults with disabilities and the Private Duty Nursing option under the State MaineCare Plan. Since these funds are reimbursed rather than contracted, they are not included in this report.

Outstanding Service Needs:

With the increasing older population, the need for in-home support services continues to grow. Waiting lists for services occur regularly. Many parts of the state continue to experience serious problems in finding and retaining in-home care providers despite slight increases provided by the Legislature in the past two years. The current budget

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situation has resulted in rate reductions across the board for providers. This, coupled with reductions in funds available for services, has placed an even greater burden on finding and retaining in-home care providers. Travel costs have escalated with the gas situation and direct care workers are expected to drive to consumers' homes to work even fewer hours. Funding Required: a restoration of \$2,500,000 funds deappropriated

Recommended Funding Changes:

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*New/outstanding needs: It is recommended that new funding be allocated to address outstanding needs.

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Homemaker Services

In-home services or activities provided to individuals or families to assist with household activities that improve or maintain adequate well-being. Major service components include homemaker services, chore services, home maintenance services, and household management services. Services may include assistance with housekeeping, meal planning/preparation, laundry, errands, bill paying, and grocery shopping. Adult protective and guardianship clients receive first priority for these services. As a result of a Request for Proposal issued in 2001, the Office contracts with two agencies to provide homemaker services throughout the state. Please note that these services are separate from those provided to Home Care Coordination/In-home Support Services clients.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Aroostook Home Health Services	III	\$504,640	\$0	\$0	\$504,640
Home Resources of Maine, Inc	Statewide	\$1,768,677	\$0	\$0	\$1,768,677
Total		\$2,273,317	\$0	\$0	\$2,273,317

Regional Allocations:

Region	2000 Population	Population Ratios	FY2006 Funding	Funding Ratios	Funds Needed to Equalize
Region I	452,354	35.5%	\$0	0.0%	\$709,319
Region II	500,745	39.3%	\$0	0.0%	\$785,199
Region III	321,824	25.2%	\$504,640	100.0%	\$0
Total	1,274,923	100%	\$504,640	100%	\$1,494,518

*Excludes statewide programs noted in allocation listing.

Funding Schemer:

The Office distributes these funds using the Long Term Care Formula. This formula is based on the number of persons in each region age 65+, age 65+ with a mobility or self-care limitation, and age 65+ with income below the Federal poverty level. The Long Term Care Funding Formula allows 28% for Region I, 28.5% for Region II, and 43.5% for Region III.

Recommended Funding Changes:

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Legal Services

Legal Services for the Elderly, Inc. (LSE), an independent non-profit organization, provides services to persons aged sixty and over by an attorney, paralegal, law student or other non-lawyer under the supervision of a practicing attorney. Services include legal advice and counseling; assessment of clients' legal needs; referrals; representation in court and before other public bodies; health insurance counseling and public education on legal matters. LSE maintains an attorney staffed statewide toll free hotline to give prompt legal assistance or appropriate referrals. Federal and state funds are awarded to and managed by a central office in Augusta. LSE has five area offices housed at area agencies on aging, and staff is assigned to give statewide coverage. In addition to the services supported directly by OES in this agreement, legal services are also supported by the area agencies on aging. (See AAA-Legal Services section of this report.)

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Legal Services for the Elderly, Inc.	Statewide	\$195,617	\$0	\$0	\$195,617
Total		\$195,617	\$0	\$0	\$195,617

Funding Schemes:

Legal services are provided statewide and are excluded from Regional Analysis. These funds are not distributed on a formula basis.

Recommended Funding Changes:

*Within existing funding: No change in funding is recommended within existing funding distribution.

*Equalization of regional funding: No change in funding is presently recommended solely to equalize regional allocations.

*New/outstanding needs: No additional funding is requested within this service area.

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Long Term Care - Assessing Services

Since 1996, State law requires the Department to assess any applicant for nursing home admission. In addition, all consumers applying for MaineCare coverage of their nursing facilities benefits are required to be determined medically and financially eligible. As of August 2004, the program was expanded to include all long-term care programs such as the Home Based Care Program, MaineCare's Private Duty Nursing and Personal Care Services Program, admission to an Adult Family Care Home and medical eligibility determination for the Elderly Home and Community Based Services (waiver under the Federal Medicaid program), and two consumer directed MaineCare programs. Federal Medicaid funds reimburse for the assessment to access nursing facility level of care, and State funds support the pre-admission assessments for consumers not eligible for MaineCare funding.

The goals of the assessing services are to: simplify access to services; provide more information to consumers regarding options; promote greater consumer involvement in decisions regarding their care; assure more consistency in assessments and the application of policies and procedures statewide; and to maintain more resources for direct services. Currently, GHS, selected through an RFP in 2004, provides assessments and care plans statewide. A separate agency, known as the home care coordinating agency (HCCA, currently SeniorsPlus/Elder Independence of Maine), provides the coordination of in-home services and program management; care management is available only on an as needed basis. Each consumer is assessed, using a standardized assessment tool and a software application known as MECARE, to determine functional impairment, activities of daily living skills, social and family support system, physical and mental health, economic resources and other relevant data. Following the assessment, the assessing services agency forwards to the HCCA the program eligibility determination and recommended and authorized care plan.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
GHS Data Management	Statewide	\$1,743,061	\$1,348,044	\$0	\$3,091,105
Total		\$1,743,061	\$1,348,044	\$0	\$3,091,105

*Includes MaineCare funds reimbursed by Office of Medical Services

Funding Schemer:

LTC Assessing Services are provided statewide and are excluded from Regional Analysis. These funds are not distributed on a formula basis.

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Recommended Funding Changes:

*Within existing funding: No change in funding is recommended within existing funding distribution.

*Equalization of regional funding: No change in funding is presently recommended solely to equalize regional allocations.

*New/outstanding needs: No additional funding is requested within this service area.

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Long Term Care - Ombudsman Program

The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, an independent non-profit organization, investigates and resolves complaints made on behalf of consumers receiving long-term support in nursing homes, assisted living, and at home. Any person may ask for assistance from the Ombudsman Program, which receives complaints directly from residents, from friends and relatives, facility employees and administrators, and public agencies and community groups. They include complaints about the quality of care that a person receives, about violations of their rights, and about problems that consumers have regarding eligibility for state programs, financial status, and legal problems. The Ombudsman Program also provides training on resident rights and on federal and state regulations and identifies issues that may require legislative or regulatory changes. The program has a volunteer network to increase its visibility throughout the state. Volunteers are screened and receive intensive training.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Long Term Care Ombudsman Program	Statewide	\$231,792	\$271,760	\$0	\$503,552
Total		\$231,792	\$271,760	\$0	\$503,552

Funding Schemes:

The Older Americans Act requires the Office to provide at least the same amount of the State's Title IIIB (Social Services) as was provided in FFY 2000; however, these funds are not distributed on a formula basis. LTCOP services are provided statewide and are excluded from Regional Analysis.

Recommended Funding Changes:

*Within existing funding: No change in funding is recommended within existing funding distribution.

*Equalization of regional funding: No change in funding is presently recommended solely to equalize regional allocations.

*New/outstanding needs: No additional funding is requested within this service area.

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Senior Community Service Employment Program

This training program provides funds to pay wages and some fringe benefits for part time training in community service organizations. Participants in the SCSEP help promote positive images about the older worker and aging by successfully demonstrating the value of older workers in the nation's work force. The individuals eligible to participate in the program must be below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level, age 55 or over, and able to train for 20 hours per week.

The Office of Elder Services' goal is to help all participants improve the quality of their lives by finding meaningful employment outside SCSEP. Participants are often hired by the subcontractors after demonstrating their skills and abilities during SCSEP training assignments. Some participants find jobs elsewhere in their local communities, while others start their own businesses. The funds in this program are mostly Federal Older Americans Act funds. In addition to this program sponsored by the Office of Elder Services, two national sponsors operate the SCSEP in Maine under grants with the US Department of Labor.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Aroostook County Action Program	III	\$0	\$69,295	\$0	\$69,295
Cumberland County Training Resource Center	I	\$0	\$232,148	\$0	\$232,148
Training and Development Corporation	II	\$88,194	\$0	\$0	\$88,194
Waldo Community Action Partners	II	\$0	\$151,190	\$0	\$151,190
Total		\$88,194	\$452,633	\$0	\$540,828

Regional Allocations:

Region	2000 Population	Population Ratios	FY2006 Funding	Funding Ratios	Funds Needed to Equalize
Region I	452,354	35.5%	\$232,148	42.9%	\$0
Region II	500,745	39.3%	\$239,384	44.3%	\$17,598
Region III	321,824	25.2%	\$69,295	12.8%	\$95,865
Total	1,274,923	100%	\$540,827	100%	\$113,463

Funding Schemes:

The Older Americans Act and Federal regulations require that the Office and the two national sponsors operating SCSEP programs in Maine equitably distribute slots among the counties. This is done annually with the other two sponsors. The Office has authorized positions in all counties in Maine.

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Recommended Funding Changes:

*Within existing funding: No change in funding is recommended within existing funding distribution.

*Equalization of regional funding: No change in funding is presently recommended solely to equalize regional allocations.

*New/outstanding needs: No additional funding is requested within this service area.

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Supportive Services for Adult Services Clients

Supportive services for the Adult Services Clients include occupational therapy assessment and consultation, case aides, information specialist, accountant services, and consultant services for resource development and maintenance of the evidence file for the AMHI Consent Decree. The Office contracts for occupational therapist services that include assessments and consultations for the purpose of meeting the client's needs in the least restrictive setting. As a result of these services, OES staff are able to maximize client safety while ensuring individualized planning and client independence. The outcomes are measured in successful placements where the environment is designed to support the individual's changing needs.

Office staff relies on the services of contracted case aides to support the provision of services to the guardian/conservator and protective clients. Case aides also enable the staff to meet the requirements of the AMHI Consent Decree through monthly visits. Their tasks include activities such as providing transportation, reviewing facility charts, providing socialization, and help ensure the needs of the clients are met.

Bollus Lynch, LLP, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, are under contract with the Office to provide Probate Court accountings on behalf of adults under Public Conservatorship. Consultant services are contracted to assist with resource development for those with brain injury, dementia, and difficult to place clients.

The Office is required by the AMHI Consent Decree to maintain an evidence file. A consultant is contracted to fulfill this requirement. The Office's Intake Unit also contracts for additional support in providing information. This service is a critical support to the unit's timely response to reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation; there has been a substantial increase in the number of calls this unit receives.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Aroostook Area Agency on Aging	III	\$100,014	\$0	\$0	\$100,014
Bollus Lynch LLP	Statewide	\$0	\$0	\$26,400	\$26,400
Eastern Agency on Aging	III	\$35,500	\$0	\$0	\$35,500
Jacquelyn Conway Dodge LCSW	II	\$0	\$643	\$0	\$643
Occupational Therapy Consultation and Rehabilitation Services, Inc.	Statewide	\$62,561	\$0	\$0	\$62,561
Penquis Community Action Program	III	\$0	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000
SeniorsPlus	I	\$118,245	\$0	\$0	\$118,245
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	I	\$59,402	\$0	\$0	\$59,402
Total		\$375,722	\$4,643	\$26,400	\$406,765

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Regional Allocations:

Region	2000 Population	Population Ratios	FY2006 Funding	Funding Ratios	Funds Needed to Equalize
Region I	452,354	35.5%	\$177,647	55.9%	\$18,453
Region II	500,745	39.3%	\$643	0.2%	\$216,435
Region III	321,824	25.2%	\$139,514	43.9%	\$0
Total	1,274,923	100%	\$317,804	100%	\$234,888

*Excludes statewide programs noted in allocation listing.

Funding Schemes:

Funds are distributed to regions according to formula. Resources purchased in various parts of the state may differ depending upon needs identified by regional staff.

Recommended Funding Changes:

*Within existing funding: No change in funding is recommended within existing funding distribution.

*Equalization of regional funding: No change in funding is presently recommended solely to equalize regional allocations.

*New/outstanding needs: No additional funding is requested within this service area.

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Volunteer Services

State volunteer service funds support Retired Senior Volunteer Programs, Foster Grandparent Programs, and a Senior Companion Program. These programs are funded mainly with Domestic Volunteer Services Act funds administered by the National Senior Service Corps of the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency. These programs also rely on fund raising to meet their annual budgets; two agencies on aging include a portion of their Older Americans Act funds in support of their Volunteer Services programs.

The RSVP programs arrange a volunteer opportunity for people aged 55 and over to do volunteer work at a variety of non-profit agencies and healthcare facilities, whether nonprofit or proprietary. The RSVP program provides the volunteers with supervision, transportation, insurance, and meals while in service and appropriate recognition. RSVP volunteers are people of any income level and they volunteer their services for the amount of time they decide on.

The Foster Grandparent Programs offer volunteer opportunities to low income elders, as does the Senior Companion Program. The volunteers in these programs receive a \$2.65 per hour stipend and they must volunteer for an average of 20 hours per week. Foster Grandparents are placed in sites to work with special and exceptional needs children and youth. Typical sites for Foster Grandparents include the Head Start, Child Development Centers, classrooms for learning disabled children, and pediatric wards in hospitals, to name a few.

Senior Companions are assigned to adults who need assistance with special care plans. A site for a Senior Companion might be a Congregate Housing Service Program site, health clinics, the homes of frail elders, and other similar sites.

Agency	Region	State	Federal	Other	Total
Aroostook Area Agency on Aging	III	\$14,340	\$0	\$0	\$14,340
Coastal Community Action Program	II	\$14,340	\$0	\$0	\$14,340
HealthReach Network	II	\$14,340	\$0	\$0	\$14,340
Penquis Community Action Program	III	\$14,400	\$0	\$0	\$14,400
People's Regional Opportunity Program	I	\$14,340	\$0	\$0	\$14,340
Southern Maine Agency on Aging	I	\$14,340	\$0	\$0	\$14,340
Univ of Me Sys, DBA Research & Sponsored Programs	III	\$28,800	\$0	\$0	\$28,800
Total		\$114,900	\$0	\$0	\$114,900

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Regional Allocations:

Region	2000 Population	Population Ratios	FY2006 Funding	Funding Ratios	Funds Needed to Equalize
Region I	452,354	35.5%	\$28,680	25.0%	\$52,198
Region II	500,745	39.3%	\$28,680	25.0%	\$60,850
Region III	321,824	25.2%	\$57,540	50.1%	\$0
Total	1,274,923	100%	\$114,900	100%	\$113,048

Funding Schemes:

Volunteer Services funds are not distributed on a formula basis.

Recommended Funding Changes:

*Within existing funding: No change in funding is recommended within existing funding distribution.

*Equalization of regional funding: No change in funding is presently recommended solely to equalize regional allocations.

*New/outstanding needs: No additional funding is requested within this service area.